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## 5589-02305/P688-05 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2862 Levy et al. § Examiner: Unknown § § Serial No. 09/957,468 Atty. Dkt. No. 5589-02305 § § Filed: September 20, 2001 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited 8 8 8 8 with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in appenvelope For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Wishington, DETERMINING A CRITICAL D.C. 20231, on the date indicated below: DIMENSION, A PRESENCE OF DEFECTS, AND A THIN FILM § § CHARACTERISTIC OF A SPECIMEN § INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicant requests consideration of \( \square\) the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or $\square$ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued a. prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. b. after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: \(\sim\) the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

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